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## More Bible Records

### Family Bible Record

Submitted by Douglas R. Cooper - Creswell, NC

Title page says: The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Translated out of The Original Greek; And with The Former Translations Diligently Compared Revised.

\_\_\_\_\_ New York: American Bible Society Instituted in the Year MDCCCXVL 1880

{Nonpareil, 12mo.} [note: 5"x7" Bible with leather cover. This type is often found with family records dating late 1700s and 1800s. Nonpareil meanings - one is 6 point type, another meaning is no other like it. I think it means size of print. It is very small. vh)

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#### FAMILY RECORD #1

##### Marriages

D. W. Barnes was Bornd Sept The 7<sup>th</sup> 1861

Mary C. Barnes his wife was Bornd March 12<sup>th</sup> 1863

D. W. Barnes and Mary his wife was Married Jan the 11<sup>th</sup> 1893

##### Births

James E. Barnes The sone of D. W. Barnes an Mary His wife was Bornd Oct the 17<sup>th</sup> 1893

Willard S. Barnes The Sone of D. W. Barnes an Mary His wife was Bornd Feb The 25<sup>th</sup> 1895

Ida Ma. Barnes. Was Bornd March The 31 1896

Mamie Estell Barnes was Bornd Apr The 4/\_\_\_\_

Bessie Allen(e?) Barnes was Bornd Dec the 1<sup>st</sup> in 1899

Calla Willmer Barnes was Bornd Sept 13 in 1903

##### Deaths

James E. Barnes and Willard S. Barnes the sons of D. W. Barnes and Mary his wife died the same year that they were born.

D. W. Barnes died Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 1917

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#### FAMILY RECORD #2

[Brown leather cover. Beautifully decorated with gold emblem and engravings on front cover. Vh.] Inside 3"x5" card size note says: This is Mr & Mrs M. V. Whites Bible. Inside cover page: Self-Pronouncing Edition In which all the proper names are divided, Accented, and marked with the vowel sounds showing how they should be pronounced (in pencil - 1894)

##### HOLY BIBLE

Containing the Old and New Testaments, Translated out of the Original Tongues,

With the APROCRYPHA, CONCORDANCE AND PSALMS, And REVISED NEW TESTAMENT, The old (King James) version and the revised version arranged in parallel Columns for convenience in reference and comparison. Trademark seal Southwestern Publishing House Nashville, Tenn. [Beautiful Marriage Certificate page and beautiful handwriting throughout these records vh]



This Certifies That Martin Van Buren White Of Chowan County, North Carolina  
 And Mary Ann Perry Of Chowan County  
 Were united by me in the Bonds of Holy Matrimony  
 At the residence of Caleb G. Perry on the twenty seventh day of  
 December in the Year of our Lord 1866.  
 In Presence of (Signed) J. M. Forahand, R. D. Simson

### Marriages

John M. Cleary & Martha Ann White, April 8 1890  
 Charley D. White & Mary Elizabeth Elliott, April 23 1890  
 James G. Umphlet & Nanny L. White, Dec 20/93  
 James P. Brite & Ferebee Odessa White, Nov 25, 1896  
 Shelton Whitson & Marian Virginia White, Dec 24, 1905  
 Charlie E. Hunt & Cassie Lee White, June 20, 1906

This is on a sheet of lined paper 'stapled' in center of black fabric.

*The funeral services of of Martin V. White will be held this after-noon at the M. E. Church at 3 O'Clock.  
 Jany 28<sup>th</sup> 1907.*

### RECORD #3

BIBLE OF KENNETH RAYNOR (?) ELLIOTT

Elliott Family Bible Record transcribed and submitted by Grace A. Gleason (her notes in parentheses)

She attached copies of original Bible pages.

### MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

This Certifies that the Rite of Holy Matrimony was celebrated between K. R. Elliott and Elizabeth Elliott  
 the 7th Feb. 1861 by William R. Blanchard.

### BIRTHS

Samuel R. Elliott was borned the 22 of Nov. A.D. 1861.

Henderson W. Elliott was borned the Nov. 6th 1863.

Sarah Elizabeth Elliott was borned the 20th of June 1865.

Mary Elizabeth Elliott was borned the 13th of July A.D. 1867.

Hugh W. Elliott was borned the 23rd July 1870.

Isaac K. Elliott was borned the 21st of September 1878.

Moses Elliott was borned the 26th of Sept 1877.

Henrietta Elliott was borned the 19th of June 1879 A.D.

### DEATHS

Sarah Elizabeth Elliott Deceast September 5th 1865.

Moses Elliott Deceast Oct. 25th 1877.

Isaac K. Elliott Deceast Oct 7th 1880.

Elizabeth A. Elliott Deceast December 28th 1881 (Kenneth Raynor

Elliott's first wife. Place of burial unknown.)

Henrietta Elliott Died Dec. 14, 1904.

Kenneth R. Elliott Died November 29, 1912.

Katherine A. Elliott Died Mar. 5th 1916. (Kenneth Raynor Elliott's

Second wife, Catherine Goodwin, buried with him in Cedarwood Cemetery,  
 Hertford, Perquimans County, NC.)

Samuel R. Elliott Died Jan. 1922.

Bob Elliott Died Mar. 1931. (Do not know who this person is.)

Hugh W. ("atson" ..written in sideways) Elliott died Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1931

Henderson W. Elliott Died April 18<sup>th</sup> 1934.

Mary Elizabeth Wife of C. D. White Died March, 1938.

C. D. White died Nov. (1939 scratched out) 1938.

(The dates for Moses Elliott's birth and death are reversed, but that is the way it is in the Bible. At least part of it was written at least a year later.)

#### RECORD #4

#### DESHIELDS FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS

Submitted by Rodney Deshields

(Note - This is a Masonic Bible with clear copy of first page.) Inside cover page:

Holman Self-explanatory Edition

With the text fully elucidated by many thousand explanatory and critical notes

And introductory observations on each book

The HOLY BIBLE

Containing the OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

Translated out of The Original Tongues:

And with

THE FORMER TRANSLATIONS DILIGENT COMPARED AND REVISED

The text conformable to that of the edition of 1611, commonly known as the authorized or King James

Version Marginal References Seal [I cannot read letters.]

#### Marriages

Father and Mother

Simeon Henry Deshields and Charles Anna [Alexander] Deshields April 28, 1887

Lee Broughton Deshields and Arlene Blalock Nov. 11, 1939

Danford Manox Deshields & Blanche Evangeline Sanford Dec. 24, 1917

#### Births

Note at top of this page: Copied Feb. 15, 1933 from records written about the year 1892. Copied by Zephaniah Deshields.

Simeon H. Deshields, born 1863 Dec 16 [Father]

Charles Anna [Alexander] Deshields, born Jan 7, 1870 [Mother]

Hatty Earnesteen Deshields, born Oct. 15, 1888

Zephaniah Deshields, born Dec. 15, 1889

Henry Stewart Deshields, born Oct 19, 1891

Leamon Dasco Deshields, born June 28, 1893

Danford Manox Deshields, born Aug. 12, 1895

Earnest Dawson Deshields, born Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1897

Eva Mercedes Deshields, born Oct. 14, 1900

Earl Dewey Deshields, born May 11, 1903

Lee Broughton Deshields, born Sept. 27, 1904

Robert Hugh Deshields, born Jan. 11, 1909

Norman Willoughby Deshields, born July 17, 1912

#### DEATHS

Henry Stewart Deshields, died Sept. 4, 1896 (child)

Hattie E. Deshields, died August 7, 1898 (child)



Baby [unnamed] died Dec. 11, 1906

Simeon H. Deshields, died ^ [inserted between lines Feb. 28 1919 vh] March 2, 1918-9. [inserted below buried vh]

Charles Anna [Alexander] Deshields died Aug. 1961

Leamon Dasco Deshields died July 27, 1968

Zeph N. Deshields died Jan ?, 1972

Earnest Dawson Deshields Aug. 18, 1977

Norman Willoughby Deshields Dec 31 1980

Danford Manax Deshields Sept. 30, 1981

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#### RECORD #5

(Note: I failed to make a note of who gave this and several others to me. . . They do appear to be authentic. Photocopies are neat and easy to read, so I feel are okay to print. VH)

No title page

#### CERTIFICATE

This Certifies That the Rite of Holy Matrimony  
Was celebrated between

James Edward Hooker of Washington County, N. C.

And Frances Olivia Sanderson of Washington County & now sojourning in Martin Co. N. C.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1868 at the Residence of Jno. Swinsons

By \_\_\_\_\_ Minister of the Primitive Baptist Church

John Swinson, Witness --- Joseph Swinson, Witness

#### Marriages

James Edward Hooker, Son of Timothy Hooker And wife Mary, and Frances Olivia Sanderson, daughter of Whitmel Francis Sanderson & wife Frances Ann, were Married on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1868.

Herman Hooker, son of James Hooker & wife Frances, and Loula D. Allen, Daughter of Thos. Allen & wife Malvina, were married on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1909.

Frank Cowell & Fannie Hooker were married Jan. 6, 1912

#### Births

Agnes Lorena Hooker, Daughter of James E. Hooker & wife Frances Olevia, was born on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 1870, in the Town of Plymouth, N. C.

Herbert Church Hooker, Son of James E. Hooker and wife Frances Olevia, was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 1872 in the Town of Plymouth N. C.

Robert Cecil Hooker, Son of James E. Hooker & wife Frances Olevia, was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1886.

Sir Rail Hooker, son of James E. Hooker & wife Frances Olevia, was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Apr. 1888.

Herman Hooker, son of James E. Hooker & wife Frances Olevia, was born on the 1<sup>th</sup> day of Apr. 1887.

Fannie Estelle Hooker, Daughter of James E. Hooker & wife Frances Olevia was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 1889.

Bettie White Hooker, Daughter of James E. Hooker & wife Frances Olevia, was born on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Jan. 1875

Joseph Thomas Hooker, Son of James E. Hooker & wife Frances Olevia, was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Apr. 1877.

Mary F. Hooker, Daughter of James E. Hooker & wife Frances Olevia, was born on the 23<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1891

Olivia Smith Hooker, Daughter of Herman Hooker and wife Loula, was born Dec. 18, 1910

Millie Gordon Hooker Daughter of Herman Hooker & wife Loula was Born Dec. 19, 1912.

Frank H. Cowell, son of Frank Cowell & wife Fannie was born Dec. 3, 1912.

### Deaths

Frances Olevia Hooker died July 6, 1909 about ten o'clock at night

Herman Hooker died Dec. 7, 1951 at 1:15 o'clock.

James E. Hooker. Died March 10<sup>th</sup> 1918 at 8:20 P.M.

Agnes L. Hooker---Rodgers. Died March 13<sup>th</sup> 1918. 9:30 A.M.

Fannie E. Hooker Cowell. Died Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1966 at Hyattsville, MD

Herbert Hooker died March 8, 1936

### Death

Whitmel F. Sanderson departed this life on Sunday morning about 9 ½ o'clock, February 13<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & seventy six 1876

### Death

Frances A. Sanderson departed this life Thursday morning about 13 minets after 4 o'clock, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty fore.

R. R. Sanderson

On a small note sheet titled MEMORANDA:

Bettie White Hooker was born January the 16, 1875 and died November the 14, 1880

Joseph Thomas Hooker was born July the 7, 1879 and died November the 19, 1881

John James Hooker was born April the 7, 1877 and died December the 22, 1881

Royle Rischard Hooker was born April the 2, 1883 and died October the 19, 1883.

### RECORD #6

Collins Family Bible --- [No front pages]

Note: At top of page "Wm. H & Eliz A. Collins's children." And name "Barbara Touchette 10/1998" in top right corner. At bottom of first page "From Barbara Touchette -copy of my mothers copy. I did not want to write on the original, so here is a copy which I have clarified. Note: Last page says this is a present from Eliz. A. (Collins) Jackson's father in....[.last line missing - vh]

### FAMILY RECORD

### Marriages

Wm. H. Jackson and Elizabeth Collins was married March 31<sup>st</sup> 1851

Thomas A. Berry and Mary W. Collins was married Nov. 3d, 1870.

David Swinson and Lucy A. Jackson was married Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1873.

W. J. Jackson, Leah V. Allen was married Dec. 23, 1880.

J. G. Ausbon and Palsie E. Jackson was married March 14, 1877.

A. W. Bateman and Martha W. Jackson was married Nov. 19, 1879

W. J. Jackson and Leah V. Allen was married Dec. 23, 1880

[entered twice - vh]

Eva Skiles was born March 4<sup>th</sup> 1883.

### BIRTHS

Elizabeth A. Collins was born Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 1831

Wm. H. Jackson was born Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 1829

Mary W. Collins was born June 16<sup>th</sup> 1852

Thomas A. Berry was born Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 1846.

Nancy Collins was born April 1834 Born 10<sup>th</sup> 1834.

-----? Emma Leola Ausbon was born Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1877



Josephine V. Ausbon was born [no other inf in record] [different handwriting says "other record - born Victoria Apr. 24, 1878 same?]

Clarah E. Swinson was born March 25<sup>th</sup> 1875

Henry Alferd the son of Wm & E. A. Jackson was born April 14<sup>th</sup> 1852

Lucy Ann the daughter of Wm. & E. A. Jackson was born Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1853

James Franklin the son of Wm. & E. A. Jackson was born May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1855.

Palsey Elizabeth the daughter of Wm. E. A. Jackson was born May 10<sup>th</sup> 1857.

Wm. Joseph the son of Wm & E. A. Jackson was born Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1858

Martha Wineferd the daughter of Wm. & E. A. Jackson was born March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1860.

Stuart J. J. Jackson the son of Wm & E. A. Jackson was born Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1861

Levi Foster Jackson the son of Wm & E. A. Jackson was born June 21<sup>st</sup> 1863

Lewis E. Jackson the son of Wm & E. A. Jackson was born Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1865

Wm. Joseph Jackson the son of William & Elizabeth A. Jackson was born Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1858

John Henry the son of Thos. A. & M. W. Berry was born Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1871.

Eva Gertrude the daughter of Thos & M. W. Berry was born August 12<sup>th</sup> 1873

Martha W. Swinson was born Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1877

Wm. Anthony Swinson was born July 8, 1879

Marsha Albertie Bateman was born Sept 8, 1850

Henry Grey Jackson The Son of W. J. and Leah V. Jackson Was born Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1882

Elmer Bufert Oct. 20, 1884.

The children of J. G. Ausbon & P. E. Ausbon His wife: Leola Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1877, Victoria April 24<sup>th</sup> 1878, Lucy March 26<sup>th</sup> 1880, Eva Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1882, Lenard Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1883

#### DEATHS

James Collins departed this life November 5<sup>th</sup> 1869

Wm. H. Jackson departed this life December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1872

Henry A. Jackson departed this life July 5<sup>th</sup> 1864

Stuart L. Jackson departed this life November 15<sup>th</sup> 1899

Nancy Skiles departed this life August 14<sup>th</sup> 1874

Josephine V. Ausbon Departed this life November 8<sup>th</sup> 1880

#### BIBLE RECORD #7

Submitted by Eugene Chesson, 640 Cosmos Way, Prescott, AZ 86303; November, 1998

JEHU EVERETT BIBLE. THE NEW TESTAMENT. No date of publication. (The Family Bible in possession [EC] of Mrs. Nancy (Everett) Hopkins, Rt. 1, Columbia, NC; Tyrrell Co.) (Nancy Hopkins has also died since 1998 VH ) Transcribed by Mrs. Alvaretta K. Register: October 1978.

#### BIRTHS (and a Death)

Anner Catherine Everett, daughter of Jehu and Nancy was born 14 June 1863,

Jehu H. Everett, son of N. T. [Thompson: EC] Everett and Henry [Victoria Sawyer: EC] his wife was born Jan. 18, 1885

Ernest G. Everett, son of N. T. Everett and Henry his wife was born May 5, 1887

Jessie Ward Everett, son of N. T. Everett and Henry his wife was born Sept. 22, 1889

Jehu H. Everrett, son of N. T. Everett and Henry his wife died Jan. 23, 1885

Jehu Everett, son of John Everett and Lurita Everett his wife was born Apr. 2, 1826

Nancy A. Herrington, dau. of John Herrington and Mary his wife was born Sept. 13, 1836

Nathan Thompson Everett, the son of Jehu Everett and Nancy his wife was born Nov. 24, 1855 (probably copied wrong; should be 1858: AKR)



Harriett Jackaline Everett, dau of Jehu and Nancy was born Sept. 9, 1861  
Jackaline Chesson, dau. of John Chesson and Marie his wife was born June 19, 1830  
Lewis John Comstock Chesson, son of John Chesson and Marie his wife was born Jan. 20, 1832  
Elizabeth Susan Chesson, dau. of John Chesson and Marie his wife was born July 3, 1833  
Louiser [sic: EC] Elizabeth Everett, dau. of Jehu and Jacqueline Everett his wife was born Nov. 21, 1851  
Sarah Frances Everett, dau. of Jehu and Jacqueline Everett his wife was born Sept. 4, 1853  
Jesse J. Everett, the son of Jehu Everett and Nancy his wife was born July 30, 1857  
Jehu H. Everett was born Jan. 18, 1885  
Ernest G. Everett was born May 5, 1887  
Jessie Ward Everitt [sic: EC] was born Sept. 22, 1889  
Mary Victoria Everett was born Feb. 9, 1891  
Roland Cass Everett was born Aug. 31, 1892  
Auther [sic: EC] Grady Everett was born April 14, 1895  
William Briant Everett was born Aug. 26, 1896  
Inez Beatrice Everett was born July 14, 1899  
"Written by their mother" [probably Henry Victoria Everett: EC]  
Nancy Elizabeth Everett was born Sept. 15, 1910

#### MARRIAGES

John Chesson was married to Maria Comstock on the 12th of May 1829  
Jehu Everett was married to Jacqueline M. Chesson Feb. 6, 1850  
Jehu Everett was married to Nancy A. Harrington Oct. 21, 1855 [this spelling is Harrington: EC]

#### DEATHS

Anner Cathene [sic: EC] Everett deceased the 4th March 1866  
Jehu Everett departed this life Aug 18, 1908  
Nancy A. Everett deceased July 26, 1916  
Lewis John Comstock Chesson died on the 2 of July 1833  
John Chesson died on the 21st of Dec. 1855 [probably 1835: EC]  
Maria Hodges, wife of William C. Hodges, died March 19, 1851  
Sarah Frances Everett died on 30th of Sept. 1833\*  
Louiser [sic: EC] Elizabeth Everett died on the 14 of Sept. 1854  
Jacquelin [sic: EC] M. Everett, the wife of Jehu Everett, died May 29, 1855  
Jess J. Everett, the son of Jehu Everett and Nancy his wife, died Oct. 12, 1857  
Jehu H. Everett died Jan. 23, 1885  
Auther [sic: EC] Grady Everett died May 9, 1895  
Henry V. [Henry Victoria Sawyer: EC] Everett the wife of N. T. Everett died Aug. 19, 1906  
Jehu Everett helped to establish ZION CHAPEL, CHURCH OF CHRIST  
1833 must be in error for the death of Sarah Frances Everett. She was born 4 Sept 1853; and must have died 30 Sept 1853. Apparently the Bible was copied incorrectly. AKR

#### RECORD #8

Submitted by Eugene Chesson, 640 Cosmos Way, Prescott, AZ 86303; November, 1998

HEZEKIAH CHESSON BIBLE: Records from a Bible held by Ellen Marriner Taylor, Roper, NC as of Dec. 1980, and supplied by Mrs. Martha Spruill. No copyright or publisher info available. Entries transcribed in April 1990 by EC with spelling and capitalization as it seems to have been written. [photocopy used for this transcription is poor, having apparently been made from another photocopy. EC]

First Page FAMILY RECORD



**BIRTHS**

- Hezekiah Chesson Son of Joshua Chesson And Martha his Wife was bornd Oct. the 26, 1784
- Sarah Chesson Daughter of Thomas Smith an Ann his wife was Bornd July the 15<sup>th</sup> 1798

**DEATHS**

- Hezekiah Chesson Died August the 11<sup>th</sup> 1849 at 15 minets after 7 o'clock in the morning. Aged 64 years 9 months and 16 days.
- Sarah Chesson died September the 16<sup>th</sup> 1871 at 11 o'clock in the morning Aged 73 years 2 month 1 day

Second Page FAMILY RECORD

**BIRTHS**

- Henry S. Chesson son of Hezekiah chesson and Sarah his wife was Born [and written between the lines: ApI the 6<sup>th</sup>] in the year of our Lord 1844 1827 [ 1844 struck through: EC]
- Richard B. chesson son of Hezekiah chesson and Sarah his wife was Bornd January the 5<sup>th</sup> 1830
- Edward F. Chesson son of Hezekiah chesson and Sarah his wife was Bornd September the 7<sup>th</sup> 1835
- Thomas W. chesson son of Hezekiah chesson and Sarah his wife was Bornd Augt the 3<sup>rd</sup> , 1838

Third Page FAMILY RECORD

**BIRTHS**

- Hezekiah chesson Son of Hezekiah chesson and Sarah his wife was Bornd August the 30<sup>th</sup> 1842

Fourth Page FAMILY RECORD

**MARRIAGES**

- Hezekiah chesson And Sarah his wife was Married Augst the 24<sup>th</sup> 1823
- Fifth Page [Not a printed form; a loose paper with tattered edges and different handwriting; EC]  
 Sarah Chesson was Borned July the 15<sup>th</sup> 1796 [ Note that this year does not agree with the entries of p.1 above: EC]

James Chesson Son of Hezekiah Chesson and Nancy his wife was Bornd Oct the 17<sup>th</sup> 1812.

(Note: All the above records were provided by Virginia C. Haire. Thanks!)

**And More Records:**

From Member Evelyn Paul: I very much enjoyed the Bible Records in the latest of WCGS NEWS. The Fitzgerald-Spruill Family Bible records I had submitted in the past were partially included. I am forwarding to you my entire transcription of these records for my family. The Bible is in the possession of my mother Sadie Simpson Paul. I look forward to reviewing the additional records planned for the next issue.

**Fitzgerald-Spruill Family Bible Records**

BIBLE PUBLISHED BY C. EWER AND T. BEDLINGTON 1827

Currently in possession of Sadie S. Paul, great great granddaughter of Sarah Fitzgerald

Records submitted by Evelyn Paul

**MARRIAGES:**

William FITZGERALD son of Langford Fitzgerald was married to Maryann FRANCIS daughter of Mr. FRANCIS on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1826 at Washington, D.C.

Charles M. FITZGERALD the son of William FITZGERALD was married to Margaret NEWBERRY May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1859.

Marquis D. L. NWEBERRY son of Samuel NEWBERRY was married to Elizabeth A. C. FITZGERALD daughter of William FITZGERALD on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1857.

James B. SPRUILL son of Lemuel SPRUILL was married to Sarah J. FITZGERALD on the 10th day of February 1858 in Washington Co., NC

J. B. SPRUILL son of Lemuel SPRUILL was married to Nancy E. GRIFFIN daughter of G. G. GRIFFIN May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1879 in Plymouth, NC.



## BIRTHS:

William FITZGERALD son of Langford FITZGERALD was born in Giles County in the state of Tennessee on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D. 1805.

Maryann FRNACIS daughter of Mr. FRANCIS was born in the town of Alexandria District of Columbia on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April A. D. 1808.

Elizabeth FITZGERALD daughter of William and Maryann FITZGERALD was born in town of Eastport State of Maine on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D. 1831.

James FITZGERALD son of Wm. And Maryann FITZGERALD borne 14 February 1830 in New London, Connecticut.

Charles FITZGERALD son of William and Maryann FITZGERALD borne 14 February 1830 in New London, Connecticut.

William Henry FITZGERALD son of Wm. and Maryann FITZGERALD was born in the town of Newport, Rhode Island on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord 1832.

Mary Ann FITZGERALD daughter of Wm. FITZGERALD borne in Elizabeth City, NC 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1834.

Sarah Jane daughter of Wm. and Maryann FITZGERALD borne in Edenton, NC October 2, 1838.

William M. FITZGERALD the son of Charles and Penelope FITZGERALD was born 7<sup>th</sup> January 1852.

Charles Leonidas NEWBERRY son of Marcus and Elizabeth NEWBERRY was born October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1857.

Mary Eloria FITZGERALD daughter of Chas. FITZGERALD and Margaret his wife was born August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1860.

Leona Elizabeth SPRUILL daughter of James B. SPRUILL and Sarah his wife was born March 29<sup>th</sup>, 1859.

Sarah Ophelier daughter of James B. SPRUILL and Sarah his wife was born April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1860 Halifax County, NC.

William Edgar son of James B. SPRUILL and Sarah his wife was born August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1861 in Washington County, NC.

Mary Alice daughter of J. B. SPRUILL and Sarah his wife was born June the 19<sup>th</sup>, 1864 in Martin County, NC.

Edgar Walter SPRUILL son of J. B. SPRUILL and Nancy his wife was born Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1871 in Washington County, NC.

Richard Clyde son Jas. B. SPRUILL and Nance his wife was born Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1879 in Martin Co., NC and died 15<sup>th</sup> age 15 days.

## DEATHS:

William Henry FITZGERALD son of Wm. and Mary FITZGERALD died (illegible) of November 1833. Age 1 yr. 9 mos. And twenty five days.

Mary Ann FITZGERALD daughter of Wm. and Mary FITZGERALD died 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1835. Aged 1 yr. 3 mos. 18 days.

William L. FITZGERALD who departed this life on November 30<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1846.

Mary Ann FITZGERALD the wife of William FITZGERALD departed this life on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January in the year of our Lord 1848.

Elizabeth A. C. NEWBERRY wife of Marcus NEWBERRY died Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1858.

Penelope FITZGERALD the wife of Charles FITZGERALD died November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1856.

William FITZGERALD son of Charles and Penelope FITZGERALD died April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1853.

William E. SPRUILL son of James B. SPRUILL and Sarah his wife died November the 1<sup>st</sup> 1862 in Halifax County, NC.

Sarah J. SPRUILL wife of James B. SPRUILL died March 2, 1866. Aged 27 years 5 months.



Mary Alice SPRUILL daughter of J. B. SPRUILL and Sarah his wife died Sept. 30, Aged 15 years 3 months 11 days.

Leona E. SPRUILL daughter of J. B. SPRUILL and Sarah his wife died Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1880. Aged 21 years 5 months 19 days.

Nancy G. SPRUILL wife of J. B. SPRUILL died November 7, 1879 in Martin County, NC Aged 40 years 8 months 2 days.

J. B. SPRUILL died March 1, 1899 age 64.

Leroy Elizabeth DANIELS wife of Alonzo DANIELS died Sept. 11, 1915.

## Family Reunion

A "First Cousins Reunion" was held by the grandchildren of the late Charles Montgomery and Leona Rawls Beacham on Saturday, Sept. 23. Cousins met at the Jacksonville home of Melton Gray "Feet" and Leona Coltrain Lilley Saturday morning and shared a covered dish lunch.

The day was spent catching up on the latest additions to the family, discussing Beacham, memorabilia and viewing old photographs, as well as the latest ones of grandbabies. After lunch, Leona led the group in a game designed to "break the ice."

Charlie and Leona Beacham were married in Beaufort County but relocated their family to the Macedonia Church community where they spent many years farming before health forced their retirement. Of their five children, only two daughters-in-law are living: Sidney's widow, Nossie Lee Taylor Beacham, who was a special guest Saturday, and Mary Frances Hadley Beacham, widow of Carl Lee, who was unable to attend for health reasons. Their son, Carl ("Piggum" to his cousins) and wife, Ora Dallice, represented them. Sidney and Nossie Lee's family was represented by daughter Mary Lee and husband, Charles Askew.

The family of Claude Nicholas and Sallie Griffin Beacham, was represented by Shirleyan and Harrison Phelps of Washington County.

Children of Jennie Gray and Jasper Rogerson attending the reunion of first cousins were Dr. John Edward Rogerson and wife, Marti and Barbara Rogerson Rawls. Myrtie married Robert Coltrain and was represented Saturday by the hostess, Leona, and her husband; by James Robert Coltrain, and by Mertie Harrison Coltrain, widow of the late Charlie Gray, oldest of the Beacham grandchildren.

The beautiful fall weather was perfect for the gathering, held in the spacious back yard of the Lilleys., evidence to the fact Leona is a certified Master Gardener. Before lunch was served, the family gathered in a circle, joined hands and were led in prayer by Feet. Photos were made before good-bys were said, with promises to "stay in touch."

Charles Montgomery Beacham was the son of William and Jane Lilley Beacham. Leona's parents were Nicholas and Sidney Roberson Rawls. Of their 18 grandchildren, four have died: Sidney Taylor, Howard Kenneth, Nicholas Wayne Beacham and Charlie Gray Coltrain. (Children of Charles and Leona: Sidney, Myrtie, Nicholas, Carl Lee and Jennie Gray.)

## CONCORD HOMECOMING 2006

It's a matter of names. Whether you sign yours Ambrose but tell folks who ask that you live on the Ambros / Amberse Road, it's a matter of names. Maybe you're listed on the tax rolls as Davenport but you identify yourself as a Demport, it is still a matter of names. At least, that's what Rev. Frank Alexander told folks attending the homecoming on Saturday at Concord.

Rev. Alexander talked about the time he and wife, Millie, came to make their home in Washington County and someone asked where they lived. The preacher kept repeating they lived on the Ambrose Road. But he



couldn't make it clear where that was. He finally explained they were living in the neighborhood where Millie was raised.

"Oh! You mean on the Ambers Road!"

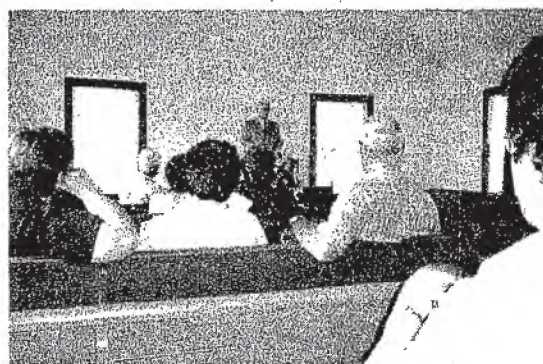
And, you can tell when one is from the south. At the ripe old age of 16, Rev. Alexander accompanied his brother to Washington DC. That, he explained was quite an experience for a Tyrrell County kid who'd never been further than Belhaven.

His story described the Mayflower Hotel, where each elevator had a human operator to open and close the doors, push the buttons, etc. When the two Alexanders walked into the elevator, they spoke to the operator, a colored man.

"You folks must be from the south," he suggested. "Folks up north don't speak to elevator operators."

The next day, the same man was on duty. They exchanged smiles and greetings and he told them he was from a little town in North Carolina, too - Creswell. The brothers said they were from Columbia and that almost made them neighbors. "It almost makes us kinfolk," came the reply.

Rev. Alexander was invited to speak to descendants of church members, family and friends at the annual homecoming held to remember the role Concord has played in the history of the community, the county, and the Primitive Baptist denomination throughout the area. He began by describing the old meeting house as being a sacred place and expressed appreciation to members and friends of Concord Primitive Baptist Church Preservation Society, Inc., a non-profit organization chartered for the sole purpose of preserving and maintaining the only known meeting house in the county.



Citing information garnered from Mark Bateman, actively involved in the preservation of Bethlehem PBC near Columbia, Rev. Alexander talked about the Kehukee Association. (Folks in Washington and Tyrrell Counties who were of the Primitive Baptist faith were often called "Kehukee-ites.")

Rev. Alexander kept his listeners' attention as he skillfully wove local tales into the main point of his message: having one's name on the list that truly counts. Referring to the strict discipline of Concord and its members (members were at times dismissed for actions such as "the sin of dancing."), Rev. Alexander asked would it not be great to have our country embracing stricter moral codes. He suggested that folks who didn't have a copy of Concord's minutes buy one and read them carefully.

A graduate of Columbia High School, Rev. Alexander attended UNC and then spent four years in the U. S. Navy during the Korean conflict. Called to the ministry in 1970, he went to Duke Divinity School. He has served Methodist churches across the state since that time, presently serving the Albemarle Charge at Mackeys, Roper and Pleasant Grove. He and Millie (Woodley) have two sons: Ed and Lee. He was introduced on Saturday by Gloria June Davenport and was presented a copy of the church minutes.

As has happened more than once during the church's almost 200-year history, wet grounds and mosquitoes caused tables to be spread inside the meeting house. Dinner-on-the-ground became dinner-in-the pew as folks feasted on country vegetables, salads, chicken and BBQ and fried lace corn bread. And talked about more names - including Furlough/Furlaw; Jordan/Jurden.

About 50 folks attended Homecoming 2006, traveling from across the state and Eastern Virginia. James Carroll Davenport led the group in the singing of favorite old hymns. The blessing of the food was by Brian Keith Phelps. A time of silent prayer for America, for the nation's military, and for those devastated by recent natural disasters was followed by prayer by Rev. Dustin Sprouse, minister at Mt. Herman UMC. Following the church's tradition, financial gifts were laid on the altar as the congregation sang a hymn.



Concord is maintained solely through memberships in the non-profit organization, by sale of the minutes and by gifts from friends. Maude Grace Davenport of Mackeys is the treasurer. Folks wanting copies of the church minutes can contact Loretta Phelps at Creswell or Shirleyan Phelps in Plymouth. (Reprint from Roanoke Beacon 9/20/2006)

QUERY: Glenn N. Dickens - We recently had a phone query from someone wanting to help Glenn Dickens in her search for info on Joseph Stockton Norman. In an E-mail response to a message, she responded: "I think I have some wrong information because I have always been told that Joseph Stockton Norman was my great, great grandfather, but according to the cemetery records that you sent, it should have been Joseph Swift Norman. Joseph Stockton was his son, evidently, and a brother to my great grandfather, Swain Swift Norman. I really appreciate all of your trouble. . . I did receive some information from Virginia Haire, but pretty much what you sent, records from the cemetery. I don't understand though, the deeds I was able to decipher said that Joseph Stockton was married to Elizabeth Chesson, not Joseph Swift. Anyway, I am going to try and get it straight. Thanks so much. Glenn; [gndickens@earthlink.net](mailto:gndickens@earthlink.net). Can anyone help? [Please share w/WCGS for inclusion in next issue!]

WCGS MEETING: Next meeting, Sunday 15 October 2:30 p.m. - Last meeting of 2006; election of officers for 2007-2008. We have changed location, which will be posted in local newspapers. Please e-mail for more details: [shirleyan32@earthlink.net](mailto:shirleyan32@earthlink.net). AND, we hope everyone who uses E-mail will be courteous enough to respect the privacy of all who use the Internet. Use mail lists, or blind copies - and if someone forwards something to you too good not to share, clean it up a bit, specially when dozens of folks addresses are there for the whole world to see and abuse. Thanks for caring.

Member Taneya Koonce of Nashville, TN, writes: . . "I have started indexing the Roanoke Beacon and made an online website for it! I hope to send you the details within the next month or so..so far, I've only selectively indexed about 8 issues from 1889. Taneya"

WCGS Member Loretta H. Phelps and daughter, Donna Phelps Hoffman, distributed copies of a new book they compiled for the annual reunion of descendants of Zephie Phelps, held Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2006 in Jamesville NC. "Mama Phelps' Folks" - Ambrose, Arnold, White and Phelps. There are pictures galore, as well as information on each of the children. Special guests included Mrs. Carrie Louise Phelps (widow of Tom Phelps) and Mrs. Ruth Lilley. Mary Martha White (1894-1977) married Zephaniah Henderson Phelps (1891-1964).

## Descendants of Mary Martha White

### Generation No. 1

1. Mary Martha<sup>3</sup> White (William Edward<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born 1894<sup>1</sup>, and died 1977<sup>1</sup>. She married Zephaniah Henderson Phelps, son of Harrison Phelps and Nancy Clifton. He was born 1891<sup>2</sup>, and died 3 February 1964 in Chowan Co, NC<sup>3</sup>.

Children of Mary White and Zephaniah Phelps are:

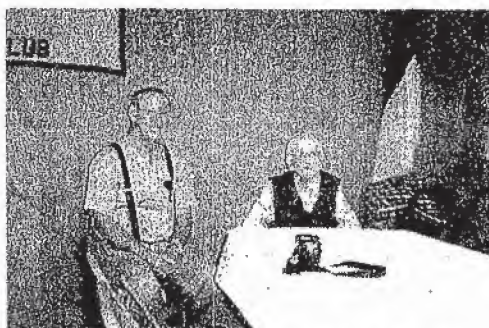
- i. Martha Jane<sup>4</sup> Phelps, born 5 January 1912 in Washington Co, NC<sup>4</sup>; died 6 August 1992 in Washington Co., NC<sup>5</sup>. She married Raymond Augustus Gibbs 1929 in Roper, Lees Mill Twp., Washington Co., NC<sup>6</sup>; born 18 March 1909 in River Neck, Tyrrell Co, NC; died 26 August 2005 in Edenton, Chowan Co., NC.
- ii. Edna Olene Phelps, born 20 February 1914 in Washington Co., NC<sup>7</sup>; died 1978. She married Philip Elwood Ambrose 1927; born 20 August 1908 in Washington Co., NC<sup>8</sup>.
- iii. Not Named Phelps, born 2 December 1916 in Washington Co, NC<sup>9</sup>.
- iv. Willie Edison Phelps, born Abt. 1917; died 1942<sup>10</sup>. He married Gladys Bateman 11 July 1938 in Creswell, Washington Co., NC; born Abt. 1920.
- v. Lillian Winifred Phelps, born 20 February 1918 in Washington Co, NC<sup>11</sup>; died 1922.



- vi. Maxine Garland Phelps, born 4 June 1923 in Washington Co, NC<sup>12</sup>. She married Ernest Cullifer.
- vii. Zephaniah Henderson Phelps, Jr., born 30 September 1925 in Washington Co., NC<sup>13</sup>; died 2003. He married (1) Emily Enfield; born 1922<sup>14</sup>; died 9 August 1970 in Chowan Co, NC<sup>15</sup>. He married (2) Louise Alexander; died 14 July 1989 in Creswell, Washington Co, NC<sup>16</sup>. He married (3) Louise Spruill 14 October 1990 in Plymouth, Washington Co, NC; born Abt. 1923.
- viii. Ima Jeanette Phelps, born 19 February 1928 in Washington Co, NC<sup>17</sup>; died 25 March 2004 in Scotland Neck, NC. She married (1) Howard Ainsley. She married (2) Ray Avery.
- ix. Robert Carroll Phelps, born 31 March 1931 in Washington Co., NC<sup>18</sup>. He married Loretta Dell Haire 30 November 1954 in Creswell, Washington Co., NC; born 12 January 1937 in Washington Co., NC.
- x. Agnes Merlean Phelps, born 18 July 1934 in Washington Co., NC<sup>19</sup>. She married Leland Marvin Barber 24 June 1952<sup>20</sup>; born 24 April 1928 in Jamesville, Martin Co., NC<sup>20</sup>; died 11 February 1995 in Greenville, Pitt Co., NC<sup>20</sup>.
- xi. Baby Phelps, born 9 March 1938 in Washington Co, NC<sup>21</sup>.

## Endnotes

1. Tombstone Inscription.
2. Loretta Haire Phelps
3. Death Certificate, Washington County, NC, B 36 p 114.
4. Index to Births, Washington Co, NC, Bk 4000 pg 425.
5. Death Certificate, Washington County, NC, B 51 p 255.
6. Raymond Gibbs.
7. Index to Births, Washington Co, NC, B 4000 p 424.
8. Birth Certificate, Washington Co, NC, B 4000 p 21.
9. Index to Births, Washington Co, NC, B 1 p 13.
10. Loretta H. Phelps.
11. Index to Births, Washington Co, NC, B 2 p 1098.
12. Index to Births, Washington Co, NC, Bk 3 pg 965.
13. Index to Births, Washington Co, NC, B 4 p 555.
14. Tyrrell Cemeteries 1732-1984.
15. Death Certificate, Washington County, NC, B 42 p 107.
16. Index to Death Records, Washington Co., NC, B 50 p 282.
17. Index to Births, Washington Co, NC, Bk 6 pg 474.
18. Index to Births, Washington Co, NC, B 7 p 452.
19. Index to Births, Washington Co, NC, B 9 p 488.
20. WDN 12 Feb 1994
21. Index to Births, Washington Co, NC, B 13 p 276.



Carrie Louise Coltraine Phelps & Harrison Waylon Phelps



Donna Phelps Hoffman and mom, Loretta H. Phelps

Special thanks to Virginia C. Haire, president-elect, for Bible Records.



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<sup>1</sup> Out of print -may be viewed online<sup>2</sup> Out of print; may be ordered on CD.